

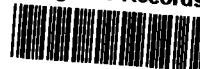
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**VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Mr. Thomas J. Krueger  
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**Re: Downers Grove Sanitary District**

Dear Tom:

Enclosed for U.S. Region 5's review is a copy of the latest round of sampling data that was conducted on the Downers Grove Sanitary District ("DGSD") property. Three new wells have been installed at the DGSD, and as I understand it this new data continues to support that an off-site source has contaminated the DGSD's property. Additional work, however, is required to fully develop the groundwater flow direction at the site. We are hopeful that with the additional information EPA is in the process of gathering at the site, along with the additional data we will obtain, will greatly assist in this endeavor.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed material, please do not hesitate to give us a call. I will give you a call early next month to discuss the status of where U.S. EPA is with respect to the additional sampling in the Ellsworth Industrial Park Site.

Very truly yours,

Mark Latham

cc: Larry Cox (w/o enclosures)  
Jim Huff (w/o enclosures)

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December 10, 2003

Mr. Mark Latham  
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Re: October Sampling Results  
Downers Grove Sanitary District  
Monitoring Results

Dear Mark:

On October 23, 2003, we sampled the monitoring well network in the southeast portion of the District's property. We included the three new wells we had recently installed. Enclosed please find the tables of results, figures depicting the monitoring well locations and shallow zone groundwater flow, cross sections of the geology and groundwater elevations, and the analytical data sheets. The additional wells has clarified somewhat the groundwater flow directions.

I will attempt to summarize my observations from the data.

- There appears to be at least two groundwater zones; one in the sand/gravel above the silt layer, and the second in the silt layer (and sand layer that sometimes is present beneath the silt and above the bedrock).
- The shallower zone appears to have a generally south flow direction, with a ten foot drop in elevation across the site. The deeper zone is flatter, with a 2.6 ft variance in the four deeper screened wells.
- At DG-1(I) we were successful in punching through a large cobble, and installed DG-1(D) below the cobble, partially into the silt. The water quality in these two wells were similar, and essentially void of volatiles (VOCs). (Trichloroethylene (TCE) was detected in both samples as well as the lab's blank. Perchloroethylene (PCE) was detected in DG-1(D) at 0.0026 mg/L, but was also reported in the trip blank (0.0014 mg/L) and in the field blank (0.0016 mg/L).
- DG-2(I) and DG-3(I) along the east property line continue to have VOCs. In DG-2(I), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) at 0.0041 mg/L was present, along with its product of

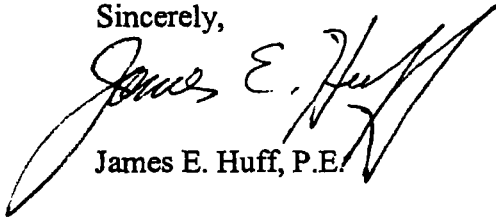
degradation, 1,1-dichloroethane (1,1-DCA) at 0.0127 mg/L. DG-3(I) further south contained the 1,1-DCA (0.0089 mg/L) and a product of further degradation chloroethane (0.0053 mg/L). DG-3(I) also contained cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (DCE) at 0.0006 mg/L and vinyl chloride at 0.0033 mg/L.

- DG-5(I) drilled north of DG-2(1) was screened to the top of bedrock, similar to DG-2(I). However, DG-5(I)'s screen is totally contained within the silt and deeper sand, while DG-2(I)'s silt layer was smaller so it is also screened into the higher sand. DG-5(I) was void of VOCs except for PCE at 0.0019 mg/L, which was present in the trip blank and field blank.
- BD-4(1) which is screened into the silt and lower sands contained 0.0043 mg/L TCE, the lowest level recorded level to date, and 0.0011 mg/L TCA, similar to previous levels.
- DG-6(I) installed northwest of the sludge lagoons was void of VOCs, except for the PCE previously noted as suspect.

Hopefully we will be able to install two wells on the adjacent property to the east before the next sampling round. Based on the results to date, we will screen these wells above the silt layer.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Huff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James E. Huff, P.E.

cc: Larry Cox, Downers Grove Sanitary District

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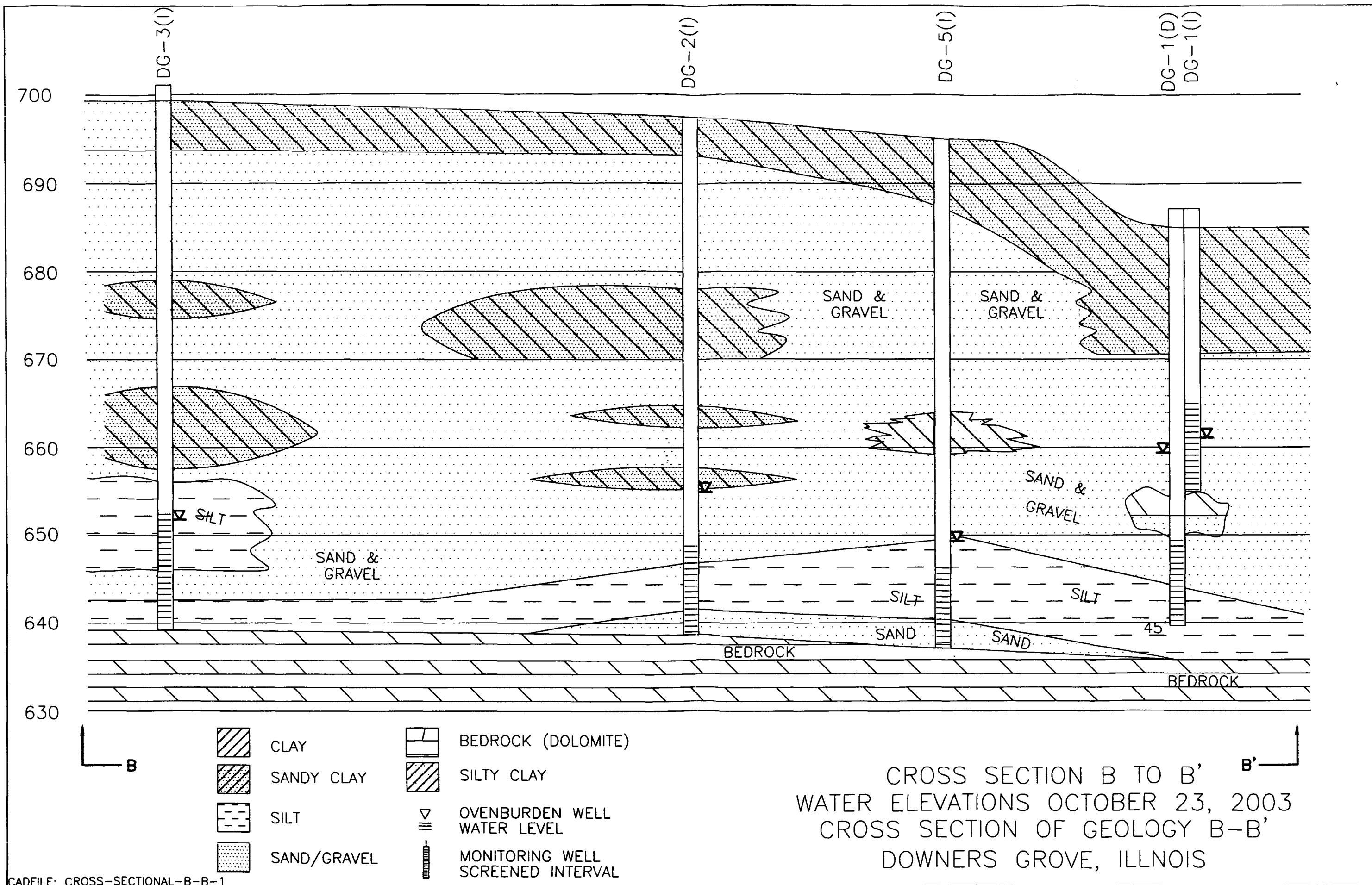
**TABLE 1**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL BD-4(I)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

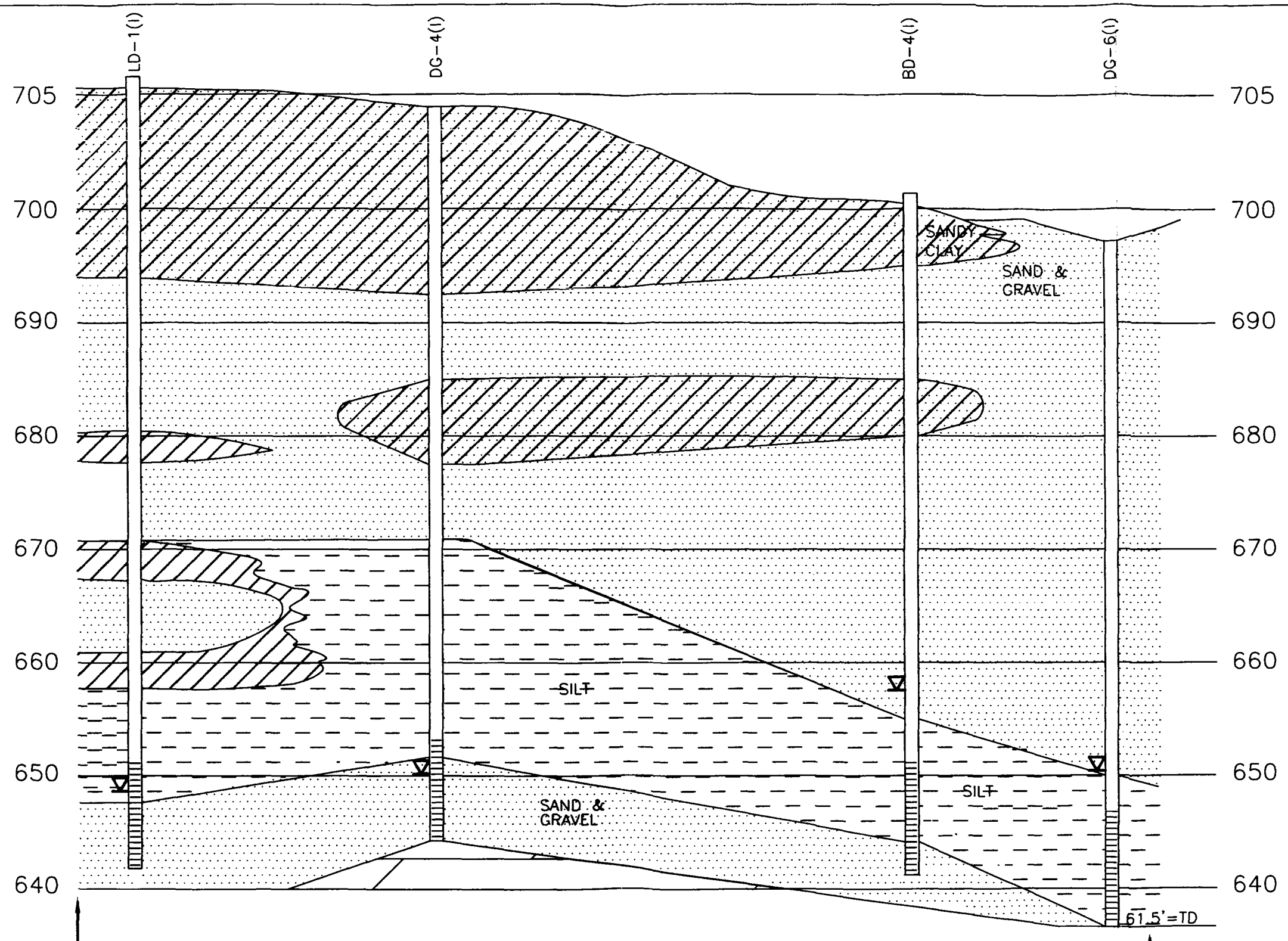
Date	mg/L					
	06/18/2002	09/05/2002	11/12/2002	03/25/2003	06/24/2003	10/23/2003
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<b>0.0012</b>	<0.0003	<0.0020	<b>0.0011</b>	<b>0.0010</b>	<b>0.0011</b>
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0010	<0.0002	<0.0050	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0010	<0.0003	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0010	<0.0005	<0.0050	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<b>0.0005</b>	<0.0004	<0.0020	<0.0004	<b>0.0004</b>	<b>0.0021</b> <sup>a/</sup>
Trichloroethylene	<b>0.0092</b>	<b>0.0053</b>	<b>0.0086</b>	<b>0.0113</b>	<b>0.0090</b>	<b>0.0043</b>
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0010	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0010	<0.0004	<0.0002	<0.0004	<0.0004	<0.0004








Detected Compounds Bolded

a/ Perchloroethylene detected in Trip Blank (0.0014 mg/L) and Field Blank (0.0016 mg/L)

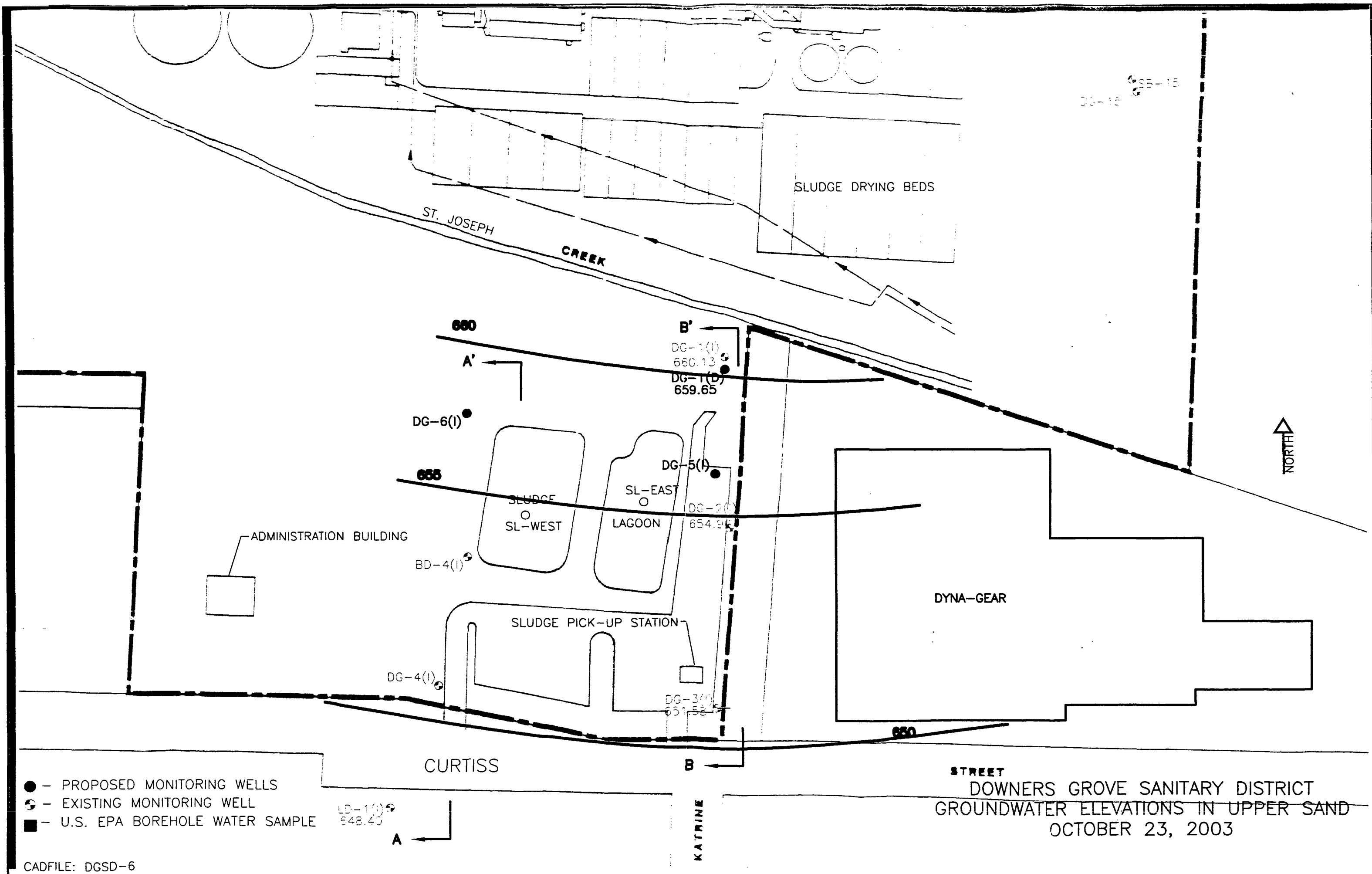
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-  CLAY
-  SANDY CLAY
-  SILT
-  SAND/GRAVEL
-  BEDROCK (DOLOMITE)
-  OVERBURDEN WELL WATER LEVEL
-  MONITORING WELL SCREENED INTERVAL

CROSS SECTION A TO A'  
 WATER ELEVATIONS OCTOBER 23, 2003  
 CROSS SECTION OF GEOLOGY A-A'  
 DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS



**TABLE 2**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL DG-5(I)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

Date	10/23/2003
	mg/L
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<0.0003
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0002
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<b>0.0019</b> <sup>a/</sup>
Trichloroethylene	<0.0003
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0004

Detected Compounds Bolded

B = Analyte detected in associated method blank.

a/ Perchloroethylene detected in Trip Blank (0.0014 mg/L)  
and in Field Blank (0.0016 mg/L)

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**TABLE 3**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL DG-6(I)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

	mg/L
Date	10/23/2003
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<0.0003
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0002
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<b>0.0017</b> <sup>a/</sup>
Trichloroethylene	<0.0003
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0004

a/ Perchloroethylene detected in Trip Blank (0.0014 mg/L)  
and Field Blank (0.0016 mg/L)

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**TABLE 4**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL DG-1(I)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

Date	mg/L			
	11/12/2002	03/25/2003	06/24/2003	10/23/2003
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0050	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0002	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0050	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<0.0030	<0.0004	<0.0004	<0.0004
Trichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<b>0.0003 B</b>	<b>0.0042 JB</b>
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0020	<0.0004	<0.0004	<0.0004

Detected Compounds Bolded

B = Analyte detected in associated method blank.

J= Analyte detected below quantitative limits

**TABLE 5**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL DG-1(D)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

	mg/L
Date	10/23/03
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<0.0003
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0002
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<b>0.0026</b> a/
Trichloroethylene	<b>0.0042</b> JB
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0004

Detected Compounds Bolded

B = Analyte detected in associated method blank.

J= Analyte detected below quantitative limits

a/ Perchloroethylene detected in Trip Blank (0.0014 mg/L) and  
Field Blank (0.0016 mg/L)

**TABLE 6**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL DG-2(I)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

Date	mg/L			
	11/12/2002	03/25/2003	06/24/2003	10/23/2003
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<b>0.0040</b>	<b>0.0047</b>	<b>0.0059</b>	<b>0.0041</b>
1,1-Dichloroethane	<b>0.0110</b>	<b>0.0090</b>	<b>0.0228</b>	<b>0.0127</b>
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0050	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<0.0030	<0.0004	<b>0.0010 B</b>	<b>0.0018 <sup>a/</sup></b>
Trichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0020	<0.0004	<0.0004	<0.0004

Detected Compounds Bolded

B = Analyte detected in associated method blank.

Perchloroethylene detected in Trip Blank (0.0014 mg/L and in Field Blank (0.0016 mg/L)

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**TABLE 7**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL DG-3(I)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

Date	mg/L			
	11/12/2002	03/25/2003	06/24/2003	10/23/2003
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0050	<b>0.0142</b>	<b>0.0184</b>	<b>0.0089</b>
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<b>0.0070</b>	<b>0.0057</b>	<b>0.0111</b>	<b>0.0053</b>
Perchloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0004	<0.0004	<b>0.0018</b> <sup>a/</sup>
Trichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<b>0.0013</b>	<b>0.0006</b>
Vinyl chloride	<b>0.0020</b>	<b>0.0034</b>	<b>0.0040</b>	<b>0.0033</b>

Detected Compounds Bolded

a/ Perchloroethylene detected in Trip Blank (0.0014 mg/L) and in Field Blank (0.0016 mg/L)

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**TABLE 8**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL DG-4(I)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

Date	mg/L			
	11/12/2002	03/25/2003	06/24/2003	10/23/2003
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0050	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0050	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0004	<0.0004	<0.0004
Trichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<b>0.0040 JB</b>
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0020	<0.0004	<0.0004	<0.0004

Detected Compounds Bolded

B = Analyte detected in associated method blank.

J= Analyte detected below quantitative limits

**TABLE 9**  
**DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN WELL LD-1(I)**  
**CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS**

Date	mg/L			
	11/12/2002	03/25/2003	06/24/2003	10/23/03
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0050	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0050	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<0.0030	<0.0004	<b>0.0011 B</b>	<0.0004
Trichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<b>0.0042 JB</b>
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0020	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0020	<0.0004	<0.0004	<0.0004

Detected Compounds Bolded

B = Analyte detected in associated method blank.

J= Analyte detected below quantitative limits

Chloroform, chloromethane, methylene chloride

and Perchloroethene detected in trip blank.

Perchloroethene and toluene detected in Field Blank

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TABLE 10  
 DOWNERS GROVE OVERBURDEN  
 FIELD BLANK AND TRIP BLANK RESULTS  
 CHLORINATED SOLVENT RESULTS  
 OCTOBER 23, 2003

Date	mg/L	
	Trip Blank	Field Blank
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	<0.0003	<0.0003
1,1-Dichloroethane	<0.0002	<0.0002
1,1,-Dichloroethylene	<0.0003	<0.0003
Chloroethane	<0.0005	<0.0005
Perchloroethylene	<b>0.0014</b>	<b>0.0016</b>
Trichloroethylene	<0.0003	<0.0003
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	<0.0003	<0.0003
Vinyl chloride	<0.0004	<0.0004



**TABLE 11**  
**DOWNERS GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**HISTORIC GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS <sup>a/</sup>**

Well ID	Top of Casing, ft	11/12/02 - 11/14/02		03/27/03		06/23/03		10/23/03		11/21/03	
		Depth to GW, ft <sup>b/</sup>	Groundwater Elevation, ft	Depth to GW, ft <sup>b/</sup>	Groundwater Elevation, ft	Depth to GW, ft <sup>b/</sup>	Groundwater Elevation, ft	Depth to GW, ft <sup>b/</sup>	Groundwater Elevation, ft	Depth to GW, ft <sup>b/</sup>	Groundwater Elevation, ft
SB-15(I)	702.04	33.00	669.04	33.53	668.51	33.54	702.04				
DG-15(I)	702.92	48.00	654.92	51.75	651.17	51.27	651.65				
DG-1(I)	688.31	29.30	659.01	26.03	662.28	27.32	660.99	28.18	660.13	27.21	661.10
DG-2(I)	698.62	39.30	659.32	44.67	653.95	43.18	655.44	43.66	654.96	43.22	655.40
DG-3(I)	701.56	42.70	658.86	42.22	659.34	47.82	653.74	49.98	651.58	40.24	661.32
LD-1(I)	708.03	58.50	649.53	59.28	648.75	58.29	649.74	59.63	648.40		
DG-4(I)	703.77	53.45	650.32	53.24	650.53	49.56	654.21	53.56	650.21	50.15	653.62
BD-4(I)	701.65	48.80	652.85	41.43	660.22	42.77	658.88	44.40	657.25		
DG-1(D)	686.94							27.29	659.65	26.21	660.73
DG-5(I)	694.34							45.34	649.00	44.65	649.69
DG-6(I)	697.93							47.23	650.70	46.95	650.98

<sup>a/</sup> Top of casing, well screen interval, and groundwater elevations given relative to mean sea level in feet.

<sup>b/</sup> Depth to groundwater taken from the top of well of the monitoring well casing

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